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Arizona Upland Cotton Forecast Down 19 Percent From 2011

Arizona's upland cotton harvested acreage is estimated at 198,000 acres, a 50,000 acre decrease from a year ago. As of September 1, yield is forecast at a record high 1,576 pounds per acre, 28 pounds more than last year's record high yield. Production is forecast at 650,000 bales, down 19 percent from a year ago. Cotton bolls had opened on 75 percent of the acreage as of September 2, nineteen percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Cotton condition is mostly good to excellent. Arizona's American-Pima cotton production is expected to total 7,000 bales from 3,000 acres. If realized, production will be down 13,000 bales and 7,000 acres from a year ago.

For the United States, all cotton production is forecast at 17.1 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from last month but up 10 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 786 pounds per harvested acre, down 4 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 16.5 million 480-pound bales, up 12 percent from 2011. Pima cotton production, forecast at 657,000 bales, is down 23 percent from last year.